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I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the paragraph under "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following re-written paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/499,964, filed February 8, 2000, which application [Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e), this application] claims priority to the filing date of the United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/119,321 filed February 9, 1999, the [disclosure] disclosures of which [is] are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2-25 without prejudice to renewal.

Please enter the amendment to claim 1, as shown below.

1. (Amended) An Npt2B polypeptide present in other than its natural environment, wherein said Npt2B polypeptide has the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:01.